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1. USUALLY RELIABLE NEWSPAPER SOURCE TOLD US OCT 7 THAT GON WILL RESPOND TO STRONG ALLIED PROTESTS ABOUT PROPOSED NAVAL REDUCTIONS BY KEEPING AT LEAST SOME OF THE NEPTUNES IN SERVICE BEYOND JAN 1, 1976. BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE PLANES, HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE GRADUALLY PHASED OUT AND CURRENTLY THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO REPLACING THEM WITH ATLANTIQUES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, SOME CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PROCURING ABOUT TEN SECONDLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAND CRAFT FROM FRG AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO MORE FROM FRANCE.

IMPLICATION, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, IS THAT LIKELIHOOD EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF NEPTUNES BY ORIONS HAS DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY.

2. BUDGET DEBATE IN NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT, WHICH STARTS TODAY, IS LIKELY TO SHED FURTHER LIGHT WITHIN A FEW DAYS ON POSSIBLE TRUTH IN THIS REPORT. GOULD

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